

## S40-1 Waste drug collection and disposal program at pharmacies

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Yokohama pharmaceutical association is currently conducting a project of waste drugs. In 1994, Naka-ku pharmaceutical association in Yokohama-city began the project by 27 pharmacies. In 2004 we took over and spread the project throughout 370 pharmacies in the city area. Pharmacists visit home care patients in the community to collect waste drugs and needles. Also the waste drugs brought into pharmacies from customers and expired drugs in pharmacies are kept in 20-50 liter plastic cases and are appropriately disposed. The cost of drug disposal in pharmacies is 3000 yen per one plastic case. We handle 399 cases, 8990 liter, in a year in Yokohama-city area.